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The Current Situation in Berlin

1. Marshal Sokolovski's walkout from the ACA on 20 March 1948 is accepted as part of the retaliatory "get tough with the USA" policy ordered by Molotov immediately after the breakup of the London Prime Ministers' Conference.

Source believes there can be no question of hostilities at the present time. The Russian people are very tired of war, and the Soviet Government realizes that it cannot count on their full support in an immediate war in the same manner as they resisted Nazi aggression. On recovery, Communist propaganda must be increased to such an extent that the people will be ideologically prepared to resist with all their strength the expected onslaught of "American fascist aggressors". The government must not admit its present weakness, either to its own people or abroad. Therefore, it must follow a strong, bold and tough policy, manifested by Sokolovski's insults to the powerful Anglo-Americans, Gromyko's non-cooperative attitude in the UN, etc. The same bold line must be followed down to the relatively low Berlin Komendatura level and even to the border control points dealing with Anglo-American personnel. ([redacted] Comment: Source was not very familiar with the stoppage of US military trains to Berlin, but explained it as a part of the general "get tough policy".) 25X1A

Current Propaganda Line

2. The propaganda line to be followed by all political officers in their lectures to enlisted personnel and officers remains as previously ordered by the MVD, i.e., the United States is no longer a war-time Ally but is to be considered a fascist-imperialist nation, the number one enemy of the Soviet motherland. All necessary efforts must be made to arouse hate against Americans who now constitute a greater threat to the USSR than Hitlerite Germany did prior to the war.

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Soviet Zone Policy

3. SMA is to give all possible assistance to raising the economic level in the Soviet Zone. Reactionary elements must be bodily thrown out of the German administrations. All necessary assistance is to be given the SED in properly organizing its ranks. The Peoples' Council (Volkskongress) must be groomed to eventually take over the government of Germany.

Morale of Soviet Troops

4. Great difficulty is being experienced with new replacements which consist of young personnel who have not participated in the recent war and have never before been out of the Soviet Union. Upon their arrival they want to act as "conquerors" and cause considerable embarrassment to the SMA by their wild behavior. Drunkenness, relations with German women, and innumerable "extraordinary" incidents have put an end to mass replacements of military units with new personnel. Older troops are becoming tired of occupation duties and continually ask at party meetings, "When do we go home?"

Movement of Soviet Personnel

5. There has been no movement of Soviet administrations from either Karlshorst or Potsdam to Dresden. Neither has there been any extraordinary movement of dependents back to the USSR. All dependents have recently been registered and families having children are expected to return them to the USSR in time for the next school year as the educational system for Soviet children in Germany has proven to be inadequate. [redacted] Comment: Several other sources have reported the repatriation of Soviet dependents in considerable numbers.)

Razvedupr

6. Military Intelligence, i.e. Razvedupr, has its headquarters in Potsdam. It does not engage in running agent chains in Germany. Razvedupr is interested in foreign OB and military installations and not in the German political or economic situation. There is a Razvedupr unit with the staff of each army division; such units may for operational purposes use MGB Oberrector cover.

MGB, Oberrector, Saxony

7. Headquarters of this organization is located in Dresden, Bautzenstrasse, approximately 500 meters from the main SMA buildings.

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A part of the sentence in paragraph 1, line 7 [redacted] was inadvertently omitted in the typing. It should read "On the other hand, the government decided that besides Soviet industrial recovery, Communist propaganda...."

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